## State of Hawaii DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Aquatic Resources Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources Honolulu, Hawaii

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY REGARDING OFFICE SPACE FOR A DEPARTMENT STAFF PERSON ASSIGNED TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Submitted herewith for your consideration is a request to enter into a facilities use agreement with the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) that would allow for the provision of office space at NELHA for a Department staff person assigned to work with the state comanagement program of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Pursuant to the agreement, NELHA will provide the office space free of charge. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will fund other costs associated with this office via a federal services contract already in place with the Department.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

"That the Board authorizes the Chairperson to enter into a facilities use agreement with the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) regarding the provision of office space for a Department staff person assigned to the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, subject to necessary approvals."

Respectfully submitted,

DAN POLHEMUS

Administrator

REPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Chairperson